

Church in Atlanta and was renamed the Atlanta Baptist Seminary. In 1885, the institution relocated to its current site in Atlanta's West End community. The seminary became a liberal arts college and was subsequently renamed the Atlanta Baptist College. During these early years in Morehouse history, the institution expanded its curriculum and established the tradition of educating leaders for all areas of life. In 1913, Atlanta Baptist College was renamed Morehouse College after the corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society, Henry L. Morehouse.

Throughout its 150-year history, Morehouse College has made a significant mark on our state, our nation, and the world. Here, many notable men gained the knowledge and training that enabled them to become some of the greatest influencers of our time, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; noted theologian, Dr. Howard Thurman; civil rights leader, Julian Bond; filmmaker Shelton "Spike" Lee; Olympic gold medalist Edwin Moses; CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Emmitt Carson; and many more.

Morehouse principles often instill a desire for public service to benefit mankind. In the United States Congress, Representative CEDRIC RICHMOND, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as many staff members and former Members of Congress, hold degrees from Morehouse. U.S. Presidents have relied on alumni such as former Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson; former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan; former Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher; and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, James Nabrit. Around the country, state and local governments have been led by alumni such as Maynard H. Jackson, the first African-American mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

As a 1968 graduate of Morehouse College, this one-of-a-kind institution has a special place in my heart. During my matriculation, I got to know on a personal level the late Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, the most renowned President of Morehouse who was a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Through him, I met Dr. King during his life, followed him in protest marches, and sang at his funeral, which was held on the campus and attended by many national and international luminaries.

Today, under the leadership of the 11th President of Morehouse College, Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., also an alumnus, the school continues to be consistently ranked as one of the top colleges in the nation and among the highest respected Historically Black Colleges and Universities. As the nation's largest liberal arts college for men, Morehouse has conferred more bachelor's degrees on black men than any other institution in the world.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Morehouse College for 150 years of preparing young men to aspire to unique and distinctive goals while leading lives of leadership and service. This institution was born out of the death of slavery in America, it guided young black men through the era of segregation in the South, and it continues to empower marginalized populations against the oppression still prevalent in the world today. It is my hope that the generations of Morehouse Men of today and tomorrow will continue the progress and continue to leave their marks on our nation and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR.
ROBERT M. WOODS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Dr. Robert M. Woods.

Dr. Robert Mathew Woods, Evangelist, age 86, passed away on February 8, 2017. Born on June 2, 1930 in Gallatin, Tennessee, Dr. Woods was the only son born to James Herkless (Herk) and Susie Woods. He had four sisters, Amanda, Mymie, Lottie, and Elsie, (all deceased). At the age of eleven, he enrolled in the Nashville Christian Institute (NCI), in Nashville, Tennessee. The late Bro. Marshall Keeble was president at the time. Dr. Woods preached his first sermon at age eleven and soon started to travel with Bro. Keeble as one of his "Boy Preachers".

In 1949, he graduated from NCI and moved back to Gallatin, where he became the minister of his home congregation. In 1952, he married Anna Holiday and moved to the Chicago area. Dr. Woods served as minister of Monroe Street Church of Christ from September, 1952 until he retired on December 31, 1997, at which time he was ordained as Minister Emeritus.

After the death of his first wife, Anna, Dr. Woods married the former Sara Marie Taylor. Dr. Woods was instrumental in implementing numerous programs during his tenure at Monroe Street Church of Christ. Among them are: a Summer Day Camp, an Intensive Teacher Training Program, an active Jail Ministry in the Cook County Jail where numerous inmates have been baptized in the Church, a Tutoring Program, Adopt-A-Child Program, and an Evangelism Outreach Program. He actively participated with the Block Club and the Midwest Community Council.

He has conducted Gospel Meetings in many cities in the United States, as well as Bermuda and Nassau. He was often called upon to speak at multi-cultural functions to share views about the uniqueness of fellowship between blacks and whites. He often speaks on National, Southwestern, and Regional Lectureships. He served as a member of the Advisory Board for both the Midwest Lectureship and the Midwest Youth Conference. He has been a Trustee for Southwestern Christian College for over fifty years. He received an Honorary Doctorate from Southwestern Christian College in 1992.

After retiring, Dr. Woods and his wife, Sara Marie moved to Villa Rica, Georgia. There they continued their work for the Lord's Church; actively serving as Minister at the Hayes-Glass Church of Christ in Bremen, Georgia.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Marie; Daughters, Sue and Sheri; Son, Stephen; Grandchildren, Ericka, Kilian and Janiah; Great-Grandchildren, Kilian, Erick and Baron, and numerous other family & friends.

Dr. Woods was often soft spoken and his messages carried great weight. It was nothing uncommon for two of our community's most endeared and beloved citizens to repeat or say what Pastor Brother Woods had told them or preached about; my barber for about thirty years, Lawyer Stevens and Ms. Nancy Jeffer-

son, Executive of the Midwest Community Council, whom we called our community's Mother Theresa.

Both of them were two of Brother Woods' star pupils and ardent parishioners and I am sure they would want people to know this.

May he rest in peace and in love.

RECOGNIZING STAN SIMPSON FOR
HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVICE
AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE
CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Stan Simpson, a dedicated volunteer and resident of Buffalo, New York. Stan's tireless service is recognized today by None Like You/We Care Outreach and the City of Buffalo.

Mr. Simpson is a U.S. Navy veteran and the father of two. He has worked for the city court as a liaison for 11 years; he advises alumni of the Buffalo City Drug Court and is also a patient health navigator at GBUAHN.

Stan is an important leader and role model for community youth. He spends his weekends and the summer months working with young men volunteering with None Like You Outreach Program and other agencies that focus on children. He is always eager to teach youth valuable life skills all while building their confidence and character. Stan takes great pride in passing along his wisdom about maintaining and beautifying properties throughout the city.

Mr. Simpson's help is also crucial in executing None Like You's Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. He always makes himself available to aid in organization, arranging volunteers and personally cooking and preparing food. He is often vice chair for community meetings. Each week he picks up and delivers food and clothing to those in need, and has helped with many United Way Day of Caring projects. In 1996, Stan's commitment was vital to the restoration of multiple properties on Southampton and Sycamore Streets. Stan prides himself in the way he has changed his own life and encourages others to do the same by getting involved in the community and seeking out ways to give to others.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mr. Stan Simpson and his admirable dedication to the City of Buffalo. His commitment to our youth and the rehabilitation of the community is exceptional, and he is most deserving of this recognition by None Like You/We Care and the City of Buffalo.

PASTOR GEORGE MORRISON AND
CHERYL MORRISON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Pastor George Morrison and his wife, Cheryl Morrison, for their service and dedication to their community and the Faith Bible Chapel.

As devoted servants of the Lord, Pastor George Morrison has served the Faith Bible

Chapel with faith, devotion and integrity for 33 years. Under his leadership, and with Cheryl by his side, the church has grown in membership and expanded in the community to meet the needs of every age group. Prior to joining Faith Bible Chapel, Pastor George Morrison served as a lay pastor and owned a construction company in Arvada, Colorado.

Cheryl Morrison has also inspired many throughout her work in the community and at Faith Bible Chapel. She has served as a mentor to individuals in the community, and has been very involved with Christians United for Israel including leading a group of 37 pastors from the U.S. who will be visiting Israel with Pastor George Morrison in 2017.

Together, they also serve in various leadership capacities across a variety of local organizations. They have spoken at numerous leadership conferences both in the U.S. and overseas, and Pastor George Morrison authored a book entitled, *If It's Not Broken, Break It*. In addition, Pastor George and Cheryl have both received numerous awards, citations and commendations in both the secular and Christian communities for their service.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Pastor George and Cheryl Morrison for their service and dedication to the Faith Bible Chapel congregants and our community.

HONORING A DISTINGUISHED REPORTER AND COMMENTATOR, BRUCE DEPUYT

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished reporter and commentator, Bruce DePuyt, on the occasion of his retirement from News Channel 8. For over 25 years, Mr. DePuyt has been a steadfast and trusted source of news for millions of people in Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia. As most recently the producer and host of NewsTalk on WJLA News Channel 8, he has covered with true zeal, old-fashioned erudition and relentless energy not only local news but national and international news, weaving them together to create the special news ethos of the Washington area. His journalistic excellence has been recognized by local institutions such as the Washington Blade, which listed him as Best TV Personality of 2013, and the Washington City Paper, which named him Best Newsmaker of 2010. Mr. DePuyt is widely respected among his fellow print and broadcast journalists, who compete to have him as a commentator. I have had the privilege to witness firsthand, both as a guest on his show and as a loyal member of the audience, Mr. DePuyt's exemplary skill as an interviewer and piercing insight as an analyst. Although a bulldog for a straight answer, he can always be trusted to facilitate fair, enlightening and compelling conversations on the essential topics of the day.

Please join me and many residents of Maryland, as well as our friends in Virginia and D.C., as we thank Mr. DePuyt for his many years of service in educating and informing the community. He has made great journalistic contributions already, and we congratulate him

on his rich and impressive career and wish him well in all of his future endeavors as a journalist and a citizen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, because of flight cancellations due to inclement weather, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 86 and 87. I would have voted Aye on Roll Call 86 and 87 had I been there.

A POETIC TRIBUTE TO FALLEN NAVY SEAL RYAN OWENS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart at the passing of one of my constituents, an American hero, Navy SEAL Ryan Owens, who was killed on a mission in Yemen on January 29, 2017. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his loved ones, loving wife, and three beautiful children. Our Nation owes a great debt of gratitude to these magnificent members of our Armed Forces and their families for their selflessness. Give thanks to them each day as you hold your family close. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

RYAN'S SONG

Ryan's Song,
so loud and long,
so very strong,
will live on and on,
On and on,
As an American Hero,
as it's oh so clear oh,
now that he's gone,
He will live on,
Now, up in heaven where he belongs,
Moments
Are all we have,
To fight the evil,
to vanquish the bad,
To make a difference,
all in the short time we have,
To bring the light,
all in our hearts of courage full shining
bright,
Upon, death's altar in this never ending
fight,
Of Good vs Evil,
there are but our Lord's chosen people who
fight the fight,
who will defend our freedoms with all their
might,
Who with their band of brothers,
as like none others,
side by side to their left,
to their right
A freedom fighter,
For there can be no brighter light,
Who for each other are so willing to die in
this fight,
With kind of selflessness which brings tears
to even the Angels' eyes,
way up high on this night,
For there can be no greater gift or treasure,
than To Give That Last Full Measure,
Then, to lay down one's life,
To leave your three beautiful children,

and your loved ones and your most loving wife,

As it's for you Ryan and your family,
we all so cry this night,
For you have blessed our Nation with all
your light,

And all across Peoria this night,
there comes a gentle rain,
As you lay your heads down to rest,
all in your heartache that which remains,
Are but our Lord's tears to wash down upon
your family Ryan,
to so ease your pain,
Until, once again up in heaven you will meet
again,

And you won't have to cry again,
Better to die for something,
than to live for nothing at all,
For this was but Ryan's clarion call,
Mount up my son,
for your new battle has just begun,
As an Angel in The Army of our Lord as you
now must run,

To continue this battle which must be won,
And we will hear you on the breeze,
And we will see you in places so all at ease,
As we will awake in the morning so all in
peace,

knowing you were watching over us all in
our sleep,

As now we lay your most sacred body down
to rest,

At Ease my son,
sealed with a kiss,
Ryan you were and will always be one of
America's Best,

Her son,
Hush little children don't you cry,
one day up in heaven you will look into your
fine Father's eyes,

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—Albert Carey Caswell

In memory of a magnificent American hero,
Navy SEAL Ryan Owens. May God watch
over his family and hold them in his arms.

RECOGNIZING BOB AND LINDA KUEBLER FOR THEIR COMMIT- MENT TO SERVICE AND VOL- UNTEERISM IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Bob Kuebler and his wife, Mrs. Linda Thornhill Kuebler, dedicated volunteers and residents of Buffalo, New York. Their tireless service is recognized today by None Like You/We Care Outreach and the City of Buffalo.

Fifteen years ago, Bob founded Youth With a Purpose (YWAP) at the Holy Cross building on the West Side of Buffalo. The mission of YWAP is to inspire inner city youth to develop as God's leaders who overcome the mindset of segregation, poverty and violence. Bob and his team continue to teach young people how to cope with pain and develop perseverance as they seek purpose and direction in their life. Linda has helped Bob as an YWAP director and prayer leader who is loved by the community she serves.

The Kueblers live on the East Side of Buffalo where they maintain a park on the corner of Carlton Street. Through their work with None Like You/We Care and YWAP, Bob and Linda provide activities for youth, clean and